

REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 8-11, 15, 16, 20, 24, 26, 27, 34, 37, and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over TWITCHELL, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 6,745,027) in view of BENDER et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,058,031), and further in view of BERNHARDT et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,710,975); rejects claims 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over TWITCHELL, Jr., and BENDER et al., and further in view of LIU (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0009578); rejects claims 4-6, 12-14, 21-23, 25 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over TWITCHELL, Jr., BENDER et al., BERNHARDT et al., and further in view of BALACHANDRAN et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0230638); rejects claims 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over TWITCHELL, Jr., BENDER et al., BERNHARDT et al., and further in view of BAHL et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0218580); rejects claims 7 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over TWITCHELL, Jr., BENDER et al., BERNHARDT et al., and BALACHANDRAN et al., and further in view of BAHL et al.; and allows claims 17-19. Applicant respectfully traverses.

While not concurring with the various rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), but merely to expedite prosecution, claims 1, 2, 4-16, 20-31, and 34-38 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Following this amendment, only allowed claims 17-19 remain pending in the present application. Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response other than as reflected on the enclosed Amendment Transmittal. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. BBNT-P01-266 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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